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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION (Paper No. 18)

Sir:

This is in response to the Ex parte Quayle Action, mailed December 3, 2002.

In the patent application, claims 18-22 are pending. In the *Quayle* Action, all pending claims are allowed. However, the disclosure is objected to due to minor informalities. Applicant has amended the specification to correct for those informalities as suggested by the Examiner. In particular, the Examiner states that, on page 4, line 3, the term "ends" is unclear when referring to a gear. Applicant has changed the term "ends" with "gear teeth sections", meaning different sections of the gear teeth. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant herein provides a clean version, as well as a marked-up version of the amended specification, including this and all previously entered amendments. The marked-up version is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

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